

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): A cable assembly comprising:

a cable including a plurality of lines each including a pair of signal conductors and a ground conductor;

a spacer integrally connected to front portions of the lines to have said lines in an equidistant manner mutually;

a printed circuit board defining opposite top and bottom surfaces with a plurality of signal and ground conductive pads thereon, the signal conductors being fixed to the corresponding signal conductive pads, respectively;

a plurality of shielding metallic plates located between [[two]] adjacent lines, respectively, for isolation, each of said shielding plates including at least one front finger located above the printed circuit board and fixed to the corresponding ground conductive pad on the printed circuit board, and a rear body portion extending rearwardly from the finger and behind the printed circuit board; wherein

the spacer is spatially located behind the printed circuit board, and each of said shielding plates is fully exposed outside of said spacer and mainly held by the printed circuit without contacting with said spacer.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The assembly as defined in claim 4, wherein said signal conductive pads and said ground conductive pads are alternately arranged in a row on each of said top and bottom surfaces.

Claim 6 (original): The assembly as defined in claim 5, wherein front end of the signal conductors of the lines and the front fingers of the shielding plates

are aligned with one another in a lateral direction perpendicular to a front-to-back direction of the printed circuit board.

Claims 7-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): An electrical connector, comprising:
a printed circuit board having a first edge and a second edge;
a plurality of signal and ground conductive pads alternatively arranged along the second edge;
a connector body assembled to the first edge of the printed circuit board;
a plurality of shielding plates each connected to a corresponding ground pad in the second edge by at least one finger extending from the shielding plate;
and

wherein the printed circuit board does not include an undercut extending from the second edge for receiving the shielding plate;

further comprising a cable having a plurality of lines therein, the lines and the shielding plates arranged along the second edge of the printed circuit board in an alternate manner;

wherein each line of the cable comprises a pair of signal conductors connected to corresponding signal pads on second edge of the printed circuit board and a grounding conductor electrically connected with a corresponding shielding plate.

Claims 11-12 (canceled)